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Arrest made in Child Abduction

Riverside, CA - On Sunday, September 5, 2010, at approximately 1020 hours, the Riverside Police Department's Communication Center received a call of a subject who had exposed himself and tried to entice two children into his older blue van in the area of Ivanhoe and Campbell in the Arlanza neighborhood of Riverside. Riverside Police Officers responded to the area and contacted the victims. During their investigation the blue van drove by and was pointed out by the victims. Officers stopped the van and arrested the driver; Matthew David Sutton (24 years old of Riverside, California) for lewd acts with a child under 16.

During the investigation, the Department's Communication Center received a call from an 11 year-old female victim whom the suspect had also tried to get into his van earlier in the morning. During their investigation, Officers soon realized the similarities to an incident in January of 2010 that involved a 12 year-old victim that was abducted and sexually assaulted on her way home from school.

Detectives from the Sexual Assault Child Abuse Unit and personnel from the Forensic Evidence Unit responded to the scene. The investigation by the detectives resulted in them confirming Matthew David Sutton's involvement in the abduction and sexual assault incident in January of 2010.

As a result, Matthew David Sutton (24 yrs of Riverside, CA) was arrested and booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for Kidnapping for the purpose of a lewd act with a child, Aggravated Sexual Assault, Lewd Act with a Child under 14, and three counts of attempted Kidnapping for the purpose of a lewd act with a child.

Sutton was known to drive a blue van as well as a red burgundy four door vehicle. He also frequented city parks and schools. This investigation is on-going and anyone with information related to this investigation or other similar incidences is urged to contact Detective Laura Riso at (951) 353-7126 or Detective Roberta Hopewell at (951) 353-7124.

